

Subj: **kudos for your book!!**

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I just finished your book this morning before work and it's a smashing account of those years--well worth waiting for. And of course the timing--while painful for you for the missed deadlines, etc, is stunning in light of the lies we are being fed about Iraq. You brought me back to the telling events of those days--did you know I worked for Mike Gravel's attorney in his Senate office while they were moving to quash Nixon's subpoena to find out where Gravel got his copy of the papers?

I thought it was interesting that you started to realize the folly of the war when you read about Eisenhower's involvement in the 50's. I became politicized in 1968 when I was watching a CBS Reports news program showing Ho Chi Minh going to Woodrow Wilson in 1919, beseeching him to help Vietnam free themselves from the French!! We turned him down and the Soviets were more than happy to help. That's how he became a communist. They even showed in the documentary that he modeled his Vietnamese Constitution on our US Constitution. That same night, the students at Columbia University had locked the Dean of the College into his office and were running wild on the campus. I had just turned 30, living in my suburban hideaway in Massapequa, Long Island, with two little kids--and I turned to my then husband and said, "What's the matter with those students? Don't they know this is America? Don't they know we have a political process?!" I figured I had to do something and the next night I went down to the Democratic club and joined up with the Gene McCarthy's supporter, and spent the next five years taking over the Democratic party. Of course, the political process did work in that we nominated McGovern in 1972. But the press was stacked against us and I dropped out, got divorced, turned on, etc. We are at a similar crossroads today and your book lights a clear path to what must be done to make democracy work. Thanks so much for doing it. Lots of love,
Alice